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PARTY LEGALIZATION PROCESS GOES INTO EFFECT; GOS DECLARES
INFORMATION RELATING TO GRAPO "MATERIA RESERVADA"

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1. THE DECREE-LAW ABOLISHING THE OLD PARTY REGISTRATION
PROCESS (REFTEL) AND ESTABLISHING A NEW LEGALIZATION PRO-
CEDURE WENT INTO EFFECT TODAY WITH ITS PUBLICATION IN THE
OFFICIAL STATE BULLETIN, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECREE-LAW'S REPORTED TEXT FOLLOW:

-- EACH PARTY'S LEADERS MUST FIRST FILE WITH THE INTERIOR
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MINISTRY A NOTARIZED STATEMENT IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AND
CONTAINING THE PARTY'S STATUTES.

-- WITHIN TEN DAYS THE PARTY WILL THEN BE INSCRIBED IN THE
REGISTER OF LEGAL POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS, UNLESS THERE IS
A PRESUMPTION OF ILEGALITY UNDER EXISTING LAW (I.E., IF
THE APPLYING PARTY IS THOUGHT TO OPERATE UNDER AN "INTER-

NATIONAL DISCIPLINE" OR TO ADVOCATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOTALITARIAN FORM OF GOVT) IN WHICH CASE THE INTERIOR MINISTER WILL, WITHIN THOSE SAME TEN DAYS, REFER THE PARTY'S APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR A DECISION. WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF SUCH A REFERRAL, THE APPLYING PARTY MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE FACT.

-- THE SUPREME COURT MUST DECIDE ON THE LEGALITY OF THE APPLYING PARTY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTRY (I.E., WITHIN A MAXIMUM OF FORTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FIRST APPLICATION, EACH PARTY WILL EITHER HAVE BEEN LEGALIZED OR FORMALLY DECLARED ILLEGAL).

2. AS ANTICIPATED BY MADRID 0977, THE PSOE REPORTEDLY WAS FIRST IN LINE THIS MORNING TO MAKE APPLICATION AT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, A MOVE CERTAIN TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE PARTY'S DESIRE TO STEAL A MARCH OR ITS "HISTORICAL" FACTION, WHICH IS LIKELY TO FILE WITH ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PARTY LABEL. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MANY OTHER PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PCE, ARE LITERALLY EN ROUTE TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY TO FILE.

3. MEANWHILE, THE GOS TODAY DECLARED "MATERIA RESERVADA" ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL AND POLICE ACTIVITIES CONCERNING GRAPO, THE ORIOL AND VILLAESCUSA KIDNAPPINGS, THE MURDERS OF THE FIVE LABOR LAWYERS AND THREE POLICEMEN, AND THE EARLIER KILLING OF STUDENT ARTURO RUIZ DURING A DEMONSTRATION. AS SUCH, THIS INFORMATION IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUT OF BOUNDS TO THE NATIONAL MEDIA. THE EXPLANATION GIVEN IS THAT LEAKS IN THE PRESS SPOILED POLICE LEADS, PARTICULARLY THE DISCOVERY OF DYNAMITE IN A RAILWAY LOCKER, BUT THE BROAD SCOPE OF THE EDICT IS DRAWING CONSIDERABLE CIRITICISM.STABLER

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